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proposed bill the points will measure can be taken from Prospect to Potts Hill (as voted), sewerage works for Parramatta, and the House of Parliament for the colony.—*The Sydney Morning Herald*.

Of these eight proposed works the committee passed as proposed the sewerage works for Parramatta, and from the remaining five the following were passed in an amended form.—Railway from Berriigan to Flaley; improvement of Cook's River; construction of a railway from Broken Hill to Condobolin; a way from Condobolin to Broken Hill was negatived. The new House of Parliament for the colony was also negatived. Prospect to Potts Hill, are still before the committee.

**POTTS HILLS COMMITTEE.**—The members of the Public Works Committee yesterday proceeded to Potts Hills, where they considered the proposed line of water pipes between Prospect and Potts Hills.

**TICK PLANT.**—A few days since it was stated that some like-some attraction would be made in the tick quarantine line in Queensland. Mr. Sydney Smith immediately communicated with Mr. Tozer on the subject, and asked that, if the Government of New South Wales thought it should be deferred until after the conference of Ministers of Agriculture in Sydney. In reply Mr. Tozer said he had no objection to the matter. Mr. Tozer announcing that Mr. Thynne now ministers stock masters in Queensland, and that he was absent in the country. In his absence Mr. Tozer was represented by Mr. GEORGE W. MURPHY.

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April. About 90 passengers and members of the crew, who were successfully vaccinated on the 24th April, are on board the steamer *Explorations* in Spanish Micronesia.—Mr. F. W. Christian, who has spent about seven years in the Carolines and neighbouring islands, and recently arrived from his last lecture on *Explorations in Spanish Micronesia*, on Saturday last yesterday evening. Mr. J. C. Nield, M.L.A. presided. Dr. Horton read the paper on the "Chamorro Language," and gave a description of the rules of Metalan upon the island of Ponape, in the Eastern Carolines. The lecture was illustrated by nearly 50 photographic slides.

GRAND UNITED ORDER OF OBEYSSANCE.—The thirtieth biennial session of the Grand United Order of Oddfellows was concluded yesterday evening at the Grand Hotel, and the officers of the same are as follows:—G.M., Bro. J. G. Moore of Friendship, Sydney, unopposed; D.G.M., Bro. J. H. Harrores, Rose of Hamilton, Hunter River, unopposed; W.M., Bro. J. G. Moore, of the same, Glebe Union, re-elected unopposed after 15 years' continuous office as secretary. Directors: Bro. D. Ritchie (Star of the South), S. S. Angus (Star of the North), J. A. B. (Star of the East), Leonardo, G. Fitzpatrick (Loyal Banner), Sydney district; J. Morris, Hunter River; Kettley, Newcastle; T. Shepherd (Comet), Newcastle, and the three officials of the district. The sessions should be movable, and that the next

GENERAL ELECTIONS IN WESTERN AUSTRALIA.

PERTH, Wednesday. The metropolitan elections to-day passed off quietly. The following returns are:—polls in the city, 10,000; in the suburbs, 10,000; total, 20,000, beating S. H. Parker (Opposition), who polled 260.

First Perth.—W. James (Opposition), 246. The unsuccessful candidates were—A. Sanderson 65, and N. W. Raven 39.

North Perth.—Goldham (Oppositionist), 73. The unsuccessful candidates were—J. S. Bennett 10, Minster 10, and J. S. Bennett 10.

67. Mr. F. Cavanagh (Independent), 43; J. Fraser (Independent), 19.

West Perth.—B. C. Wood, 699. Unsuccessful candidates: T. G. Molloy, 409.

Knox Pades (Opposition), 91.

First Fremantle.—J. G. Holmes (Ministerial), 146. Unsuccessful candidates: M. T. Mow, 174; North Fremantle.—D. J. M. (Ministerial), 104.

North Fremantle.—C. M. Jones (Opposition), 82; R. Dwyer (Independent), 61; Foxwell—North Colquhoun.—F. C. B. Voigt (Opposition), 236. Unsuccessful candidates: Harpe (Labour), 177; Dwyer (Opposition), 69.

**THE WEATHER.**

The air was sharp enough yesterday for snow to have fallen. A light rain fell down south, but it melted before noon. The thermometer was early and before noon had reached 37 miles per hour.

**FALL OF SNOW AT COOMA.**

**COOMA, Thursday.** The weather to-day was very black and cold, with occasional showers, snow at intervals. There was a good fall of snow about 7 o'clock to night, covering the streets, and presenting a very pretty appearance.

**ALBURY, Thursday.** Fifteen points of rain fell during the day, but does not appear to have been general in the district.

**BERRIGAMUNDA, Thursday.** A slight shower fell at 6 p.m., but no more. It was now intensely cold and windy, with a cloudy sky.

**HAYLEN, Thursday.** Strong winds have prevailed since yesterday, with clouds of dust flying. There are no indications of rain, but the water level has risen. No land has yet been ploughed. Many agriculturalists have become disabled by being able to put any crops in this year. They must certainly be late unless an immediate change takes place today.

**MURUMBidgee, Thursday.** A cold wind has been blowing all day. There is no appearance of rain.

**PONDOPOLIN, Thursday.**

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The effects of the protracted drought are painfully apparent all through the district. The crops are all short, and there is almost a total absence of grass. The Lachlan river is dry and the season is the worst for many years. The season for 20 years.

**DENILUNGU, Thursday.**  
A very short storm occurred here last night accompanied by two points of rain, but a cold wind from the north-west, which was blowing, and the weather is again overcast to-day. The wind is shipping round, and it is almost too cold to expect much rain.

**GLEN INNES, Thursday.**  
A strong easterly gale blew here last night, enveloping the town in clouds of dust at times.

**MULGONG, Thursday.**  
We were in an awful state of anxiety for a drop of water in the town, but what is brought from Jeely Creek, two miles away, and this is cold at this time of season.

**LITHGOW, Thursday.**  
The weather to-day has changed to quite cold and high.

**MUDGE, Thursday.**  
High westerly winds, blowing from the north, blowing, with clouds of dust, in town all day. There is not the slightest sign of rain.

**WALLAH, Thursday.**  
The weather is extremely cold.

**PAMBULA, Thursday.**  
To-day there was a sudden change in the weather to latter cold, with strong south-westerly wind.

**QUEANBEYAN, Thursday.**  
Bitterly cold wind from the north, blowing, and high and large clouds are already driving.

**LUMUT, Thursday.**  
A heavy shower fell last night.

**ROSEBAY AT THE RESIDENCE OF HERB PATRICK.**  
On Wednesday evening a robbery was effected at Kyalla, Darling Point, the residence of Her A. L. Fiddeman, the German Imperial Consul. Here Fiddeman was at dinner when some persons entered the room, and he was told to get up the columns supporting the front balcony, obtained an entrance to the consul's balcony, and succeeded in carrying away jewellery and other valuables to the value of £1200.

**FOUND DROWNED.**—Yesterday the body of a man, named Daniel Callaghan, was found by the water police floating in the water near Mr Lewis's wharf. The body was taken to the morgue, and was about 30 hours in the water. The deceased was a native of Ireland, and was employed as a waiter at Nelson's restaurant, George-street. An inquest will be held at the Coroner's office to-morrow.

**Hotel in the City.**  
The Hotel in the City is a fine building, and is situated in the heart of the city. It is a large and comfortable hotel, and is well fitted for the reception of guests. The hotel is situated in the heart of the city, and is a fine building, and is well fitted for the reception of guests.

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